

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (U.S. Publication No. 62002/0,022,503 A1). The Examiner has rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Lebby et al. (U.S. Patent 6,069,593). The Examiner has rejected Claims 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Enns et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0,065,110 A1).

It is respectfully submitted that the Lee reference is not proper prior art reference. The filing date of Lee is March 2, 2001. As the foreign priority filing date of the present application is January 17, 2001, the present application predates this cited reference. Enclosed is a certified English language translation of the priority document. Based on the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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